
Database Research Guide for Broad Perspectives

ABOUT

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, supports local librarians and libraries by encouraging excellence in services, providing collections to expand local reach, serving special populations, and offering quality research and interlibrary loan services to libraries and state agencies.

The State Library offers free to all South Dakota citizens a diverse, rich collection of 50+ databases and digital resources for research, reading & inquiry. Databases may also be referred to as 'eresources' or 'digital resources.'

- ✓ All SDSL databases are linked at library.sd.gov.
- ✓ [Help](#) and [training](#) available.
- ✓ Contact Kim Bonen, Digital Resources Coordinator | kim.bonen@state.sd.us
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- ✓ Access this document digitally at: <https://bit.ly/3ttV2kj>

ACCESS

SDSL databases can be accessed in three ways:

1. Instantly, without a login, anywhere in South Dakota's geographic borders thanks to GeoIP.
2. Instantly within your school and without a login because of school district IP authentication.
3. Out-of-state using your school's State Library eCard. Login required.

Complete list of databases in alphabetical order: library.sd.gov > Databases

* ebook options

Culture Grams: ProQuest database offers statistical and cultural information about each US state and 200 countries. Daily life and culture, history, customs, lifestyles, recipes and interviews.

Explora Kids: Basic research database with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality. Biographies, current events, geography & culture, history, social studies.

***SIRS Discoverer:** Provides selected full-text articles that support grades K-8. Every article has a summary and a reading level. Includes biographies, nonfiction books, over 3000 maps, country studies and an encyclopedia.

***TrueFlix:** Dozens of social studies and science pairings of videos and books. Primary sources, fiction, videos, audio clips, images, and related websites.

World Book Kids: For PreK-2. The digital version of the print World Book Encyclopedia. General reference database offers easy-to-read articles with embedded multimedia, images, and videos. Also includes read-along features, games, science projects, and activities.

World Book Student: For grades 3+. The digital version of the print World Book Encyclopedia with thousands of articles, videos, images, student activities, and research process tools. Also includes special features like Behind the Headlines, Biography Center, a built-in dictionary, and an easy-to-navigate atlas.